

## News Briefs

### Reserve office located on base

People interested in the Air Force Reserve can visit Master Sgt. Chris Novinger in the Air Force Reserve office, located in Spangdahlem AB building 131, Room 215, or call him at 452-6522.

### Career Assistance Advisor wanted

The 52nd Mission Support Squadron seeks a highly motivated master sergeant to serve as the Spangdahlem AB Career Assistance Advisor for two years. The reporting date is March 6. The position requires excellent public speaking skills and involves frequent interaction with officers, enlisted and civilians assigned to all base organizations. Specific duties are outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2624. Applicants should submit a unit commander letter of recommendation, a targeted military resume and copies of their last five enlisted performance reports to the 52nd MSS commander by Feb. 15. Call Capt. Rick Gearhart at 452-6148 for more information.

### Turbo Tax available for military

The online program Turbo Tax is available for free to servicemembers via the Military OneSource Web site at [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com). Also, Defense Finance and Accounting Services reports that retiree, annuitant, Defense Department civilian, Reservist and active-duty 2005 tax statements were mailed in January. However, servicemembers can also access their forms on the myPay Web site at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>.

### STEP promotees

Congratulations to the NCOs who received Stripes To Exceptional Performer promotions to the ranks of technical and master sergeant Monday:

- **Master Sgts. Thomas Lloyd**, 52nd Dental Squadron and **Craig Clark**, 52nd Operations Support Squadron
- **Tech. Sgts. Dwayne Turner**, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; **James Fleming**, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; and **Francisco Araujo**, 52nd CMS

### School buses to run 15 minutes early

On Feb. 17, all school buses, with the exception of routes one and three, will arrive at the student drop off points about 15 minutes early.

### 81st FS commander logs 3,000 hours

Lt. Col. John Cherrey, 81st Fighter Squadron commander, recently logged his 3,000th flight hour in the A/OA-10 Thunderbolt II. He accomplished the piloting milestone at Nellis AFB, Nev., Jan. 12 while participating in Air Warrior, an exercise to train pilots and ground controllers in close air support operations. The colonel is the second currently assigned Spangdahlem Air Base A-10 pilot to reach 3,000 flight hours. Lt. Col. Daniel Hawkins, Wing Plans and Programs chief and 81st FS A-10 pilot, has accumulated more than 3,500 hours.

### Honor Guard seeks volunteers

The 52nd Fighter Wing Base Honor Guard is now accepting applications for volunteers. Applicants must possess outstanding appearance, bearing and a highly motivated attitude. For more information, e-mail [52fw.honorguardstaff@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:52fw.honorguardstaff@spangdahlem.af.mil).

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Senior Airman Eydie Sakura

### Load 'em up

Airman 1st Class Aaron Farris, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron hydraulics apprentice, and Airman Ricardo Selby, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron supply apprentice, act as cargo deployment function augmentees during the 22nd Fighter Squadron deployment to Red Flag at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Monday. The Airmen measure the leading edge of the trailer to the front axle. The distance of axles and gross weight of the equipment is used to calculate the center of balance. Each item being shipped by air requires the center-of-balance markings for balance-for-load computation.

## Wing mourns loss of OSI agent

By Capt. Thomas Crosson

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Special Agent Lindsey Ferris, a GS-12 civilian employee assigned to Air Force Office of Special Investigation Detachment 518 here, died Sunday evening in a German hospital due to a brief illness. Medical tests have confirmed that the cause of death was a meningococcal infection.

"The loss of Agent Ferris has deeply impacted the entire Spangdahlem community," said Col. David Goldfein, 52nd Fighter Wing commander. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Ferris family, her friends and coworkers."

Agent Ferris joined the Air Force in 2003. Spangdahlem Air Base was her only duty assignment.



Special Agent Lindsey Ferris

"Lindsey Ferris made it her business that everyone in the Spangdahlem community was safe," said Lt. Col. Richard Reddecliff, commander of AFOSI Detachment 518. "She was relentless in seeking out and finding those who would do us harm, ultimately keeping this base, its mission, and its people secure. She was an extraordinary person in so many ways, and she will be very sorely missed."

A memorial service for Agent Ferris is scheduled for noon Monday at the base chapel. The entire Team Eifel community is invited to attend.

Those wishing to contribute to a memorial fund in her name can send donations to: Sister Carolyn Marshall, Magnificat High School, C/o

Lindsey Ferris, 20770 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, Ohio 44116.

## Self-discipline key to blunting spike in DUIs, accidents

By Lt. Col. Matt Chesnutt

52nd Fighter Wing Safety Office chief

The sheer volume of privately owned vehicle accidents by Sabers in the Eifel is staggering. 52nd Fighter Wing personnel and their dependents have averaged nearly 1,000 POV accidents each year for the last five years; that is roughly 20 percent of Sabers during their tour here. The majority of these accidents are caused by someone not following the rules.

How do you avoid becoming a "statistic?" First, be disciplined and follow the rules. Rarely do people who follow the rules and traffic laws end up in an accident. If the sign says 60 kilometers per hour maximum, then do not exceed that limit. If there is fog or ice, slow down -- to a crawl if necessary.

From Jan. 15 until Wednesday, the 52nd Security Forces Squadron reported five driving under the influence cases

and 17 major and 46 minor accidents. Three of the DUIs placed the wing in Responsibility Condition Charlie. All squadrons who contributed to RESCON Charlie conducted an informational recall to notify members of the DUI and ensure heightened awareness.

Furthermore, the 52nd SFS will increase the number of selective traffic enforcement programs and sobriety checkpoints. One more DUI prior to Feb. 14 will put the wing in RESCON Delta, causing squadron commanders of all contributing squadrons to conduct a squadron recall in service dress on the first Saturday following the most recent DUI. Avoiding RESCON Delta, and getting the wing back to RESCON Alpha is very simple ... Do not drink and drive.

People need to be disciplined and drink responsibly. Drinking responsibly means if you drive, you do not drink. Drinking and driving are mutually exclusive events. Under German law, if you

are involved in an accident, and your Blood Alcohol Content is at least .03, it is considered a DUI. A .03 can be as little as one drink depending on your body weight and other factors.

All Sabers should be aware the Air Force is downsizing, so if you get a DUI, you have just rocketed to the top of the list of Airmen who are prime candidates for being "downsized." Worst case scenario is you injure or kill yourself or someone else.

Irresponsible drinking is a lack of self-discipline and has become a "clear and present danger" to our people and our mission. Regardless of your occupation, getting in your car is the most hazardous event you face every day, as the synopsis of last weekend's events illustrates.

Read more about the most recent DUIs and accidents from 52nd SFS on Page 2.

# RESCON Watch

## CHARLIE

3 DUIs in the Last 30 Days

Days since last DUI: 7

Rank of last DUI: master sergeant  
Squadron of last DUI: 52nd MSS

Large unit with best record: 52nd Communications Squadron, 391 days  
Small units with best record: 52nd Medical Support Squadron, 52nd Dental Squadron and 52nd Contracting Squadron: No DUIs

Data Courtesy of the 52nd SFS

**When going out, have a plan or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 06565-61-2233.**



# Medical officials advise wing on symptoms of meningitis

Staff reports

The Eifel community experienced the tragic loss of one of our members this weekend. Medical tests have confirmed that the cause of death was a bacterial infection caused by a type of meningococcus.

Although there have not been any other cases of this infection in our community recently, this infection can sometimes be spread from person to person by direct contact. Meningococci are spread by direct, close contact with saliva, mucus, or droplets from the nose and throat of an infected person.

Symptoms of meningococcus usually

occur within three to four days, but could take up to 10 days, after the person has been exposed. Symptoms to look for include:

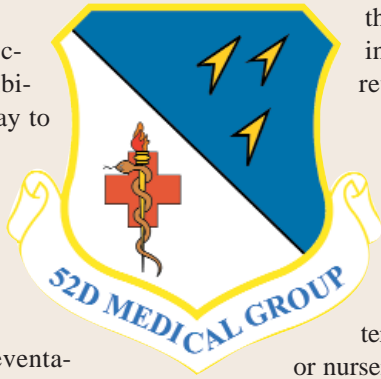
- \* High fever
- \* Nausea and vomiting
- \* Severe headache
- \* Stiffness and pains in the neck, shoulders, and back
- \* Skin rash of small, bright, red spots or a larger, reddish/purple "bruise"
- \* Changes in behavior such as becoming disoriented

People who think they may have an infection due to meningococcus should see

their health care provider immediately. Lab tests are needed to prove meningococcal infection. Treatment with an antibiotic may be started right away to stop the infection.

People who were in close contact with Special Agent Lindsey Ferris since Jan. 19 should report to the Bitburg Annex emergency room for potential preventative antibiotic treatment. People in close contact with a case may include:

- \* People who live in the same house
- \* People who have contact with mouth



or nose secretions, such as through kissing, sharing eating utensils or sharing cigarettes

- \* People who have done medical care such as mouth-to-mouth resuscitation or intubation
- \* Children sharing toys, such as in child care centers, family child care homes, or nursery schools

If you have questions, call your regular healthcare provider or the Emergency Room at 452-3456 (commercial: 06561-69-3456).

## DoD restricts cell phone use on military bases

By Sgt. Sara Wood  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Defense Department installations have begun implementing new cell phone restrictions for drivers on military bases.

The new regulation, published in the Federal Register in April 2005, states that anyone driving a motor vehicle on a DoD installation cannot use a cell phone unless the vehicle is safely parked or the driver is using a hands-free device.

Many installations already have implemented the new restrictions, and the rest will implement the rules on their own schedule, said John Seibert, assistant for safety, health and fire protection for DoD. There is no deadline for installations to implement the restrictions, Seibert said, but he expects most will do so this year.

"We have not issued an implementation schedule," he said. "But it's definitely getting everyone's attention."

The law enforcement policy offices for each military department are putting together policies and procedures for the implementation and enforcement of the restrictions, Seibert said.

He explained that this regulation is a minimum requirement, and installation commanders still have the authority to put stricter rules in place. Each installation will determine the punishment for violation of the rules, he said.

As the installations implement the restrictions, they have

a responsibility to notify the public by putting up signs or putting notices in base newspapers, Seibert said. Many installations are allowing a grace period in which motorists in violation of the rule will be warned and not ticketed.

This regulation was developed based on information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which studied driving distractions as the cause of motor vehicle accidents, Seibert said. The study found that cell phone use is the fastest growing and most visible distraction that leads to accidents, he said.

The DoD regulation follows suit with many regulations that states and cities have already imposed. Currently only Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and the District of Columbia ban hand-held cell phones for drivers, but many cities have imposed their own rules, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association.

"We are in front of the majority, but we certainly are not the first ones to do this," Seibert said.

This cell phone regulation will increase traffic safety on installations, Seibert said, but more importantly, it will encourage safe driving habits.

"Our intent is that this will drive an increased attention to the importance of safe driving and that we'll see a change in driving behavior, both on military installations and off," he said.

### TKS TV Channel Lineup Changing

On Wednesday, TKS will add the AFN Korea television channel to both the Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex cable systems. To get this channel added, AFN viewers will need to reprogram their televisions by using the auto-program feature on their television. Off-base decoder users are not affected by this change. The chart below shows where the channels are located once it has been reprogrammed.

- Channel 2: Commander's Access Channel
- Channel 3: Pentagon Channel
- Channel 4: Program Guide
- Channel 5: AFN Prime Pacific
- Channel 6: Blank
- Channel 14: AFN Prime Atlantic
- Channel 15: AFN News
- Channel 16: AFN Sports
- Channel 17: AFN Spectrum
- Channel 18: AFN Family
- Channel 19: AFN Movie
- Channel 20: AFN Xtra (Korea)

Beginning Feb. 10, the 2006 Winter Olympics will air on AFN Korea 24-hours a day. Following the Olympics, AFN Korea becomes AFN Xtra. Programming on AFN Xtra is geared toward males ages 18-30 who like extreme sports. This change will be seamless and does not require viewers to reprogram their televisions.

### Presidential visit



Airman 1st Class Anthony Nelson

**SOUTHWEST ASIA - - Former President George H. W. Bush, shakes hands with Airman 1st Class Christopher Trotter from the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, during the former president's visit to a deployed location in Southwest Asia recently.**

## Driving too fast for winter conditions wrecks Sabers' weeks

By David A. Barker  
52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel had three DUIs over the past two weeks, 17 major wrecks and 38 minor crashes.

An Army and Air Force Exchange Service employee committed the first DUI in the Wittlich area. Results of the blood test and charges are pending.

The second DUI was from an airman first class from the 606th Air Control Squadron who was TDY to Luke Air Force Base. The breath test showed a reading of .081.

The other DUI was also a major wreck. A master sergeant from the 52nd Mission Support Squadron was driving on B-50 near the Metterich exit and rolled her car. The blood test is pending from Polizei. No injuries were noted.

Other major accidents involved:

- \* A driver's failure to yield the right of way in the Schweich industrial area. Both parties involved were injured.
- \* Driving at speeds too fast for

conditions at the A-60 turn to Spangdahlem. There were no injuries, but the vehicle received major damage.

- \* Due to inattentive driving in the Bitburg Annex Commissary parking lot.

- \* From driving at speeds too fast for conditions on the A-60 near Winterspelt.

- \* Driving too fast on base caused a rental vehicle and a curb to receive major damage.

- \* Driving too fast for conditions on A-60 near Plutscheid resulted in a vehicle rolling over, trapping the driver inside. Only the vehicle received major damage.

- \* Rolling the vehicle on L-39 between Herforst and Speicher.

- \* Driving at speed too fast for icy conditions caused this wreck. The driver was transported to Bitburg Krankenhaus.

- \* Driving too fast for icy conditions in Oberkail, and on L-60 near Himmerod.

- \* Inattentive driving caused a major wreck at the Mosel Dining Facility.

- \* A driver lost control of the vehicle on B-50 near Albachmuhle.

- \* Speed too fast on icy roads was the cause of an accident on L-46 which totaled the vehicle.

- \* Speed too fast for conditions occurred on B-51 near Staffeltien and another at the traffic circle near the Spangdahlem Air Base main gate.

- \* Trying to pass on a hill toward oncoming traffic caused the last major wreck on a hill on B-50.

Team Eifel members were involved in 38 minor wrecks: 14 from driving too fast for conditions, one happened in a parking lot, seven were from improper backing, 11 from inattentive driving, one from following too closely, one failure to yield and three involved wildlife.





Senior Airman Eydie Sakura

## Top Saber Performer

**Name:** Chaplain (Capt.) Corwin Smith  
**Unit:** 52nd Fighter Wing Chaplain Services  
**Duty title:** Protestant Chaplain  
**Hometown:** Enid, Okla.  
**Years in service:** Three in the U.S. Army Reserve, four in the Air Force Reserve, and three on active-duty.  
**Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success:** He led the chapel in-unit visitation of more than 2,000 work center visits, which took more than 750 hours. As an outstanding marriage and family counselor, he has helped more than 80 couples and is credited for rescuing 99 percent of the marriages. He has also volunteered to serve on short-notice chaplain vacancies for three geographically-separated units in two countries, touching 300 lives.  
**Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits:** Chaplain Smith serves as an advisor for the Gospel Ambassadors, who perform concerts in the local community. He also supports Habitat for Humanity, the base Angel tree program, Crown financial ministries and serves as a mentor for children. He enjoys maintaining active relationships with German churches and has conducted funeral services with local priests. He will soon begin pursuing a Ministry doctorate degree from an accredited graduate-level seminary.  
**What do you do for fun?** I enjoy participating in sports programs, including a variety of intramural sports. I also enjoy watching movies, participating in church activities and traveling. One fun thing I did lately was visit Berlin, where I saw the historic wall which separated the former East German-side of the city from the West German-side.  
**What do you like most about being stationed here?** I enjoy the centralized location here, giving opportunities to travel and see so many places. I also enjoy having the chance to experience the everyday culture of our host nation.  
**What's one thing you like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem AB?** I would like to see more activities that encourage interaction between the base and the local German communities.

## And the winner is ...

The 52nd Fighter Wing recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding achievements during the fourth quarter of 2005.

- Airman of the Quarter: **Senior Airman Jack Snyder**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron
- NCO of the Quarter: **Tech. Sgt. Carl McNair**, 606th Air Control Squadron
- SNCO of the quarter: **Master Sgt. Roger Bolish**, 606th ACS
- CGO of the quarter: **1st Lt. Rebecca Wunschel**, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- Junior-level civilian of the quarter: **Jo Bolish**, 52nd Mission Support Squadron
- Mid-level civilian of the quarter: **Christine Bright**, 52nd Maintenance Group
- Senior-level civilian of the quarter: **Gottfried Loew**, 52nd CES

## Commander's Mentorship Program



Airman Stephanie Sawyer

Airman 1st Class Gregory Stansel, right, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle and vehicular equipment maintenance apprentice, watches Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, remove bolts from a tire during his visit to the 52nd LRS shop Jan. 10 as part of the *Commander's Mentorship Program*. A Cleveland, Texas, native with more than three years of military service, Airman Stansel cited his win as 52nd LRS Transportation Airman of the Year as a major accomplishment. Airman Stansel has been stationed at Spangdahlem Air Base for nearly three years.

## Eifel Salutes

### 52nd Mission Support Group

Watt a guy is **Senior Airman Steven Yost**, who masterminded the calibration of five high-voltage regulators and reduced runway lighting electrical consumption by 20 percent. **Tech. Sgt. Matt Sanders** has the lock on secure Internet installation and control center upgrades -- this ensures squadron success during wing inspections.

### 52nd Operations Group

When it comes to hardware, we have a soft spot for **Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams**, who ensured the 81st Fighter Squadron Panthers will receive 10 vital new replacement systems to ensure mission success. Gimme "5" ... **Airman 1st Class Gillian Deack** was awarded her 5-level certification and also wrote an informative article on the Aviation Resource Manager's experience at Cope Thunder. The article was published in the USAFE monthly ARM newsletter.

### 38th Munitions Maintenance Group

It's no shock that **Staff Sgt. Karl Shock** gets a salute for planning multiple USAFE headquarters equipment meetings and demonstrations necessary to meet Air Force Instructions and host nation directives. He "Getz" the job done ... **Senior Airman Stan Getz** has implemented a complete overhaul of the 701st Munitions Support Squadron Intranet Web site. His efforts turned a stale, outdated Web site into an active and informative medium. "Sand-a Claus?" ... Not only did **Staff Sgt. Theodore Saxman** and **Senior Airman Joshua Hanks** collect gifts to be sent to deployed troops, but they raised almost \$1,000 for the 703rd Munitions Support Squadron Christmas party! "Rizi's honor?" ... **Staff Sgt. Rizi Manzon** designed a stunning

hi-fi set up for the 703rd MUNSS, Volkel Air Base, Netherlands, All Ranks Club, including 18 speakers, five televisions, and quality entertainment for more than 350 geographically separated members and their families.

### 52nd Maintenance Group

Take a deep breath and salute **Senior Airman Jackie Rooney**, who resolved a huge cardio-pulmonary resuscitation course backlog -- she coordinated classes for 84 troops, personally trained 36 -- altogether, that's nearly half of the flight in one month. A cut above the rest are **Staff Sgts. Kevin Sword** and **Jeremy Crombie**, who helped the 22nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit gear up for their upcoming deployment on-call period by heading up a tiger team that repaired three F-16s with persistent radar warning problems. Expedite a salute to **Tech. Sgt. Aaron Renn**, who led the sortie production charge as one of the finest flight line expeditors. His hustle helped get the 22nd AMU 57 sorties ahead of the 2006 fiscal year flying hour program goal. Ah, we love that "new jet" smell ... even the Hon. Michael Wynne, Secretary of the Air Force noticed the sparkling clean flagship F-16 and A-10 in showroom condition during the last troop call in Hangar 1. Many thanks to **Tech. Sgt. Franklin Newberry**, **Staff Sgt. Daniel Kaczmar**, **Senior Airmen Jason Ikeda** and **Benjamin Polichnowski** and **Airman 1st Class Sarah Mullen**, who dedicated countless hours cleaning and prepping the wing's jets. Let's clap for the **22nd AMU supply support section** for their great job during Cope Thunder. The unit kept the supply pipeline at full throttle and helped produce 273 sorties during the deployment.

**Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!**  
*(Compiled by Senior Airman Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)*



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

## Top Saber Team

**Unit name:** 726th Air Mobility Squadron Aircraft Services

**Unit responsibilities:** The team receives, inspects and loads cargo shipments aboard Air Mobility Command aircraft. It also provides fleet services, which include the maintenance of latrines, galleys and portable water systems on transient aircraft.

**Number of members:** 20

**How does the team fit into the 52nd FW's mission?** The team plays a critical role in the 52nd Fighter Wing deployment process by performing the joint inspection of equipment with deploying units to ensure cargo is properly prepared for safe air shipment. The team has inspected, loaded and launched fifteen C-17 loads in support of Red Flag, Anatolian Eagle and Cope Thunder exercises, and the 606th Air Control Squadron's recent deployment.

**Team's other contributions through the year?** Since the 726th AMS relocated to Spangdahlem AB in October 2005, the aircraft services team has processed 429 short-tons of cargo and fleet serviced 205 aircraft. The team has also aided in the movement of Operation Season's Greetings and provided training for the 52nd FW.



# Local national employee wins top-honor civil engineer award

By Senior Airman Eydie Sakura  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The phrase “Spangdahlem 2015” sounds like a futuristic sci-fi movie, but to Udo Stuermer, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron engineering flight chief, it is the here and now.

Mr. Stuermer’s work on the “here and now” culminated in his recent win of the Harry P. Rietman award, an Air Force civil engineer outstanding individual award for his work with the 52nd Fighter Wing last year.

“Spangdahlem 2015” is a \$163 million, 10-year, 65-building plan that will allow for the final closing of the Bitburg Annex and will consolidate all mission and support functions, as well as family housing at Spangdahlem Air Base.

“I won this award five years ago, and I didn’t expect to win again,” Mr. Stuermer said. “I must have accomplished a lot and it makes me proud.”

His accomplishments include the ongoing “Spangdahlem 2015” project, and his role as a key player in the \$170 million Rhein-Main

Transition Program, ensuring the Air Mobility Command mission here was fully operational on time.

“I do what I can to make this installation the best it can be so the Air Force doesn’t give up on (our mission) here,” Mr. Stuermer said. “Each project is making a difference to the base and it’s great to see the smiling faces of the people who walk into their newly renovated building or pass through the new main gate. It’s a great feeling.”

Known as the “go-to guy” in civil engineering, he is an inspiration to his team and members of his flight.

“I hope to one day earn a fraction of his legendary status sometime in my career,” said Chuck Cyr, 52nd CES community planner. “He embodies all aspects of the professional engineer from his knowledge of engineering policies and practices to his superb leadership. It’s great to see that his hard work and dedication is not only recognized at Spangdahlem, but at the highest levels of the Air Force’s civil engineering community as well.”

Respected in his profession by his peers, and recognized in his community, Mr. Stuermer says he sells the future of the installation to the people living off base. He is up front with the community and keeps them in the loop on where the base is and where it is going.

“(He) is continually called upon by the wing leadership to help provide crucial information about wing plans and programs to our German neighbors,” said Lt. Col. Mitch Gordon, 52nd CES commander. “In doing so, he significantly strengthened our partnership with outlying communities, gaining support and good will. He is also extremely talented and technically gifted, and his ability to solve a bewildering array of challenging problems is truly inspirational.”

Mr. Stuermer began working for the Air Force in 1982 at Bitburg Air Base until its closure in 1994 when he transferred to Spangdahlem AB. He travels to the Pentagon to receive the Harry P. Rietman award at the end of February.



Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp

Secretary Of The Air Force, Michael W. Wynne and the Commander U.S. Air Forces In Europe Gen. Tom Hobbins listen to Mr. Udo Stuermer, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron engineering flight chief, while he uses a model of the base to discuss development projects and the future of Spangdahlem Air Base in 2015.

## OHA survey can shed light on monthly utility costs

Staff reports

Overseas housing allowance analysts say they highly encourage all military members to complete the online OHA survey, and aim for 100-percent participation. No outside contractors will be involved in the survey.

The OHA questionnaire will be similar in scope to previous surveys. It will ask military members to report the average monthly cost of utilities and routine maintenance.

To complete the surveys, respondents should have actual bills or records of their utility expenses and maintenance expenses for the last twelve months. They will be expected to compute a monthly average for each of these expenses.

Use the information below to provide advance guidance when briefing commands or individual members about completing the survey.

The following items are included in the utility allowance and should be reported on the survey:

Electricity; heating fuels such as natural gas, liquid petroleum gas, fuel oil, coal, and firewood; water for residence; bottled water for drinking; trash pickup; sewer charges; maintenance and minor repairs (for example, replacement of window pane, repair of electrical outlet); insurance required by custom or law; condo fees; police protection; guards; taxes for which the tenant is responsible and must make a separately identifiable payment.

Examples of items not included in the Utility Allowance and should therefore be omitted from the survey:

Cable TV; tuition; monthly telephone bills; auto gasoline and diesel fuel; auto expenses; books; pet expenses; postage; road taxes; repairs to personally owned electrical equipment; maid service (Even if maid service is for security purposes); and yard maintenance.

To compute average monthly costs for each item reported, add up quarterly and monthly bills to determine annual cost, then divide the annual cost for each item by number of months at permanent duty station.

Report all expenses in the currency used to pay them. For example, if electricity was paid in local currency, report local currency. Do not convert.

Enter explanations or information that may help OHA analysts better understand the data entered in the survey.

For more information, call the 52nd Comptroller Squadron Customer Support Center at 452-6730. (Courtesy of the 52nd Fighter Wing Judge Advocate Office and the Per Diem Committee in Washington D.C.)

## Civil law office explains Powers of Attorney Sabers should research limits, restrictions on POA guidelines

By Staff Sgt. Brian Meeker  
52nd Fighter Wing Judge Advocate  
General Civil Law Office

While most Sabers have not found a way to be in two places at one time, the process of conducting business from miles away is eased by obtaining Powers of Attorney for actions that they cannot accomplish themselves.

It is crucial that 52nd Fighter Wing Airmen know the basics about this process, and that they choose recipients they trust to conduct their affairs in their absence.

A Power of Attorney is a document that allows someone else to act on another’s behalf. It transfers to another person the legal power and authority to do tasks the designators could do if they were personally present.

### General and special

There are two basic types of Powers of Attorney: General Power of Attorney and Special Power of Attorney.

General Powers of Attorney grant very broad powers to designated people. The document grants such broad powers that the designators must have complete confidence in the people to whom they provide this power.

They should be provided only for the absolute minimum amount of time necessary to accomplish the actions that the designators had in mind.

Special Powers of Attorney are more limited than General Powers of Attorney. They allow the people designated to do very specific tasks on the designators’ behalf, such as sell particular cars at certain prices, or to consent to medical treatments for their children. Often it is helpful to have Special Powers of Attorney for specific tasks in addition to or in lieu of a General Power of Attorney.

Some of the more common Special Powers of Attorney are for shipments or receiving household goods, applying for or clearing out of base housing, conducting financial transactions,

and acting as a guardian of minors. Special Powers of Attorney are also recommended for real estate and banking transactions.

There are some limits on what Airmen can do with Powers of Attorney. For example, they cannot use them to vote or reenlist. It is important to realize that, while Powers of Attorney are widely used, other people and businesses are not required to accept them. Some organizations will not accept General Powers of Attorney because it is so broad, but will honor Special Powers of Attorney, as it is specific in nature.

For example, Air Force finance centers usually will not accept General Powers of Attorney to allow another to inquire about a service member’s pay, but often times will accept special Powers of Attorney written just for that purpose.

Pass and Registration may not accept Powers of Attorney, therefore Airmen should check with them before getting one for that purpose. The Internal Revenue Service will not accept General Powers of Attorney to co-sign a joint tax return; however, it does accept IRS Form 2848, which is available at the Tax Shelter, located on the first floor, or the Customer Service area on the second floor of the base legal office.

As a general rule it is a good idea to check with the receiving agency prior to filling out Powers of Attorney.

Another important limitation on the use of a Power of Attorney is disability. Since the documents transfer to others the powers the designators would have if they were personally present, if the designators became so disabled that they were incompetent to handle their own affairs, their Attorneys-In-Fact would be disqualified too.

It is possible to write Powers of Attorney that are not affected by disabilities. This is called a Durable Power of Attorney. People can make

Durable Powers of Attorney by stating in their Powers of Attorney, “This power of attorney shall not be affected by disability of the principal.” People who are interested in Durable Powers of Attorney should consult their legal assistance advisors.

### Using a Power of Attorney

Attorneys-In-Fact must know the proper way to sign for their designator. They must not sign the designators’ name. They should sign their name and indicate that they are signing as their designators’ representatives.

For example, a correct way to sign for another would be: Mary Jones MARY JONES, Attorney-In-Fact for BILL JONES.

To use Powers of Attorney, the Attorneys-In-Fact must have the original documents; copies are usually not acceptable. The Attorneys-In-Fact should keep originals and only copy them as necessary.

### Duration

Powers of Attorney should state how long they remain in effect. Ideally, designators should grant Powers of Attorney for the shortest period of time necessary to accomplish the specific acts they need accomplished. However, they may extend Powers of Attorney to the recipients for up to one year.

Designators may revoke most Powers of Attorney at any time by destroying them and any copies that may have been made. Power of Attorney revocation forms are also available at the legal office. Good communication between the designators and the recipients can make this process operate smoothly and effectively.

For more information, Airmen should visit a legal assistance advisor by calling 452-6796 for an appointment or visit the base legal office in building 129.



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Col. Dave Goldfein

## January Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
22FS	258	187	-45
23FS	290	183	-87
81FS	254	220	0

\*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

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# Viewpoint

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## Service Before Self

# The Air Force Family: 23rd FS commander in awe of Sabers' dedication, selflessness

By Lt. Col. William Woodcock  
23rd Fighter Squadron commander

Do you ever sit back and think about what you are a part of? If you're reading this you are probably in some way associated with the U.S. military and more specifically the Air Force.

When you assume command of a unit, one of the things you are told is to sit back and look at the big picture. I think this is something we should all do from time to time. Do you sit back in awe? I do.

The men, women and families who call the military home are truly some of the most unique people, and you will not find a finer bunch of people than the ones you work with. For nearly 19 years of my career, this has been the dominant draw to stay in -- to work, live and socialize with people of such extraordinary character: They have what I call the three S's of military character; selflessness, service and sacrifice.

### Selflessness

These men and women are some of the most giving to be found. Have you ever seen or worked with people more willing to give of themselves? Ever show up new to base, not knowing anyone and instantly found a friend or two? Whether it's collecting and raising money for Hurricane Katrina relief or contributing to Combined Federal Campaign, military members and their families selflessly give above and beyond.

Having just returned from Lithuania I was proud to see the level of giving and personal interaction with local orphanages. The outpouring from the deployed folks was staggering. For a country just emerging from more than 50 years of Communist rule, the impression our folks left was one of a country of generous and selfless people. Instead of bemoaning the fact that they were not with their

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loved ones over the holidays, they rose above and gave of themselves, selflessly.

### Service

Daily C-17s land and depart and take us and our friends to Southwest Asia and other points around the globe, deploying to serve in foreign countries. As members of the military service this is what we do. If you are in the Air Force, we recognize "service before self" as one of our core values. As this points out service goes hand in hand with selflessness. Daily we put our lives on the line for people we may never even meet. We serve in areas and face dangers that most of the world can only imagine.

We know and understand the dangers and yet volunteer to go back and do it again. Why, because it is important and our sense of duty, of service demands that we do. We serve in parts of the world few have heard of, in less than great conditions, doing work that would normally invalidate most life insurance policies, miss holidays, birthdays and anniversaries all in the name of service.

### Sacrifice

Selfless service ultimately means that we must sacrifice. Our sacrifices range from spending extra

time at work to make sure that the task is done to the ultimate sacrifice. In our profession we find we are constantly giving of ourselves. It is the nature of our chosen profession. At times we are called to sacrifice a normal home life and deploy remote for year. We sacrifice creature comforts, such as your own room, to live in a tent with 12 of your newest friends. We sacrifice that new iPod so that an orphaned child in Lithuania can have a nicer Christmas. But in our profession it is the sense of shared sacrifice that binds us together. I can think of few other professions that are as tightly drawn together as ours.

The longer you stay in the more the people you serve with become your family. You grow so close that you cannot see someone for years and pick up your conversation where you left it the next time you meet. Shared sacrifice is strong cement.

The profession of arms is unique. It attracts and demands people and families willing to stand in the breach and do what must be done. It requires people who must be constantly willing to selflessly serve and sacrifice.

It is not an easy profession nor is a commitment to it to be taken lightly. It does, however, bring with it a unique set of rewards not to be found elsewhere. What else can you do, what other calling would allow you to work with, live with and be friends and family with people of such high caliber.

Take a moment, step back and really look at what you are a part of. The people you work with, your friends, your families are capable of anything. They will not fail nor will they allow failure. They are willing to selflessly serve and sacrifice daily. They are unstoppable and unbeatable; pretty good company. Why would you want to do anything else? I know I wouldn't.

## Courage

# Rosa Parks took a seat so our nation could stand up

By Senior Airman Amaani Lyle  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

*(Editor's note: The Eifel Times staff joins the world in mourning the loss of Coretta Scott King, who passed away Tuesday at her home. The late Mrs. King supported the legacy of her husband, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, who was assassinated at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968. Mrs. King devoted her life to champion freedom and equal rights for all).*

In October, I was in Texas for a journalist's workshop when I learned that Rosa Parks, often dubbed the "mother of the civil rights movement," died at age 92.

Though the news took my breath away, it was then that I realized a hero doesn't necessarily wear a military uniform or a red cape. This

particular heroine instead donned a winter coat to buffer the chill of a Montgomery, Ala., morning in 1955 as she rode the bus to work.

Her quiet rebellion during the Jim Crow segregation era spurred a controversy that soon became the icon of activism for millions who fought for fair treatment of all races.

The choice -- one Ms. Parks always described as "unplanned" -- to stay put as a white person waited to take her seat, jarred our nation's conscience and earned her the reverence of people the world over who also recognized the importance of freedom.

The 380-day bus boycott (where thousands walked to work as far as 20 miles a day) that soon followed Ms. Parks' arrest led to a U.S. Supreme Court decision to desegre-

gate her city's public transportation.

A short bus ride detoured to a long journey toward freedom by way of mass demonstrations, the introduction of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to the world and the transformation of America's homes, schools and workplaces into hotbeds of change.

The "timeless longing for human dignity and freedom," as Reverend King wrote in his book, "Stride Toward Freedom," was what inspired Ms. Parks and the generations that followed.

Our stride toward freedom remains the cornerstone of democracy as it has been since the birth of our nation.

As the news ticker scrolled past the bottom of my television screen, I understood the power of one to

change the lives of many.

Conversely, I realized military members are a broad spectrum of many thousands, yet we, too, can change lives as a unified force.

Ms. Parks, a humble seamstress turned civil rights activist, garnered numerous humanitarian and achievement awards. In 1999, President William Jefferson Clinton presented her with the nation's highest civilian honor, a Congressional Gold Medal. "We must never forget about the power of ordinary people to stand in the fire for the cause of human dignity," the former President said.

Here's to the members of the Air Force and our sister services -- ordinary people who make an extraordinary commitment each day.





## Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to [publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil).



### Brick House news

- Play Bingo to win Longaberger baskets Feb. 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$5 for three cards for three games for the first 12 games. Then cards cost \$1 each for the "coverall" game.
- Casino night takes place Feb. 17 from 6-10 p.m. for people ages 18 and older.
- Airmen should begin practicing now for the base-level USAFE Idol talent contest taking place March 4 at 7 p.m. Winners move up to compete in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe contest April 22. Call 452-7381 for more information.

### Singing telegrams

The community center now offers singing telegrams this Valentine's Day. People can purchase one of four telegram packages, ranging in price from \$15 to \$50. For details, call Kim McElfresh at 452-7381.

### Performing arts camp

Youth, ages 14-18, are invited to attend a free, week-long camp at the Nell Buckley Performing Arts Camp at Missoula Children's Theater in Montana this July. The deadline to drop off audition tapes at the Spangdahlem AB Youth Center, building 427 is Feb. 25. People who need to make an audition tape can sign up for a time Feb. 25 at the Brick House. For more information, call Sally Fuller at 452-7546.

### Read by Mail program

Sign up for the 2006 Read by Mail program now through April 21. Children can earn a variety of rewards based on the number of books read and points earned at the end of the program. Call Sally Fuller at 452-7546 for details.

### Spring bazaar

The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club seeks volunteers ages 16 and older to help with the Spring Bazaar, taking place March 31-April 2. More than 100 vendors will sell their wares at the event. Call Chuck or Kim Shock at 06575-903087 or e-mail [spangvolunteers@yahoo.com](mailto:spangvolunteers@yahoo.com) for details.



Courtesy photo

### Historical markers

Leslie Warren, right, Bitburg High School freshman, showcases her exhibit to the judges during National History Day at BHS Jan. 20. More than 90 students participated in the event, with topics related to this year's theme, "Taking a Stand in History: People, Ideas, Events."

### BHS news

- Bitburg High School seeks parent volunteers to serve as a hospitality group during the BHS North Central Association visit April 19-20. Duties include preparing snacks for the visit, greeting the visiting officials and other miscellaneous tasks throughout the school days. Also, needed are parent volunteers to be interviewed by the NCA team about the BHS educational community. E-mail [valarie.mcamish@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:valarie.mcamish@eu.dodea.edu) for details on being part of the hospitality group or [amy.elsbury@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:amy.elsbury@eu.dodea.edu) for details about being an interviewee.
- Students seek tutors in all subjects during school hours and after hours. E-mail [fran.laakman@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:fran.laakman@eu.dodea.edu) or call Sharon Krol at 06565-619202 for more information.

### SMS news

- Spangdahlem Middle School seeks parents to attend a North Central Association school accreditation meeting Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the student counselor's office. Parents are also encouraged to attend the NCA exit report briefing Thursday at 2:45 p.m. in the school media center.
- Volunteers are needed to read books to students for Read Across America day March 2. The National Education Association supported event commemorates the 102nd birthday of the famous children's author Dr. Seuss. Call 452-7270 by Thursday to register.

### SES news

The Spangdahlem Elementary School PTSA general membership meeting takes place Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. in the multipurpose room. The event features a Black History Month performance by fourth-grade students. E-mail [Barbara.triplett@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:Barbara.triplett@eu.dodea.edu) for details.

### Volunteers wanted

The community relations and public affairs offices need volunteers for this year's Explore the Eifel in July and other upcoming base and community events. Duties include translating, escorting and administrative support. For details, call Bernhard Schaefer at 452-7161 or send an e-mail to [52fw.cra@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:52fw.cra@spangdahlem.af.mil).

### Valentine's bazaar

Vendors are selling gifts of romance today through Feb. 14 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex Main Exchange Valentine's bazaar.

### Give Parents a Break

The Bitburg Annex Child Development Center offers free weekend child care for enrolled families, compliments of the Air Force Aid Society, Feb. 24 from 6:30-11:30 p.m.

### Airman's Attic

The Spangdahlem AB Airman's Attic, located in building 408A, is now open. Call 452-2244 for more information.

## Chapel Services

### Spangdahlem AB

#### Catholic Mass

- Saturday, 5 p.m.
- Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday, religious education, 9:45 a.m. (building 139)
- Monday - Thursday, 11:45 a.m.
- Sunday, 10:30 a.m., traditional service
- Sunday, 1 p.m., Korean service
- Sunday, 5 p.m., Sunday Night Live service

#### Protestant

### Bitburg Annex

#### Catholic Mass

- Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
- Monday, 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday, 8:15 a.m., Liturgical; 9:30 a.m., Contemporary; 1 p.m., Gospel Service

#### Protestant

For more information about Jewish, Islamic, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or other faith needs, call the chapel at 452-6711/6281.

## Super Bowl XL at Club Eifel

### Sunday, Feb. 5 starting at 10 p.m.

**Kick off the weekend at club Eifel's Tailgate Party this Friday!** Enjoy brats with peppers and onions, pizza, wings, jalapeno poppers, chips & salsa and drink specials in both lounges - however this is a "members only" event. There will also be a drawing at 6 p.m. for the VIP Super Bowl Party.

**XL Food Specials:**  
Championship Nacho Bar  
Full Scale Blitz Wings  
Stadium Hotdogs  
...just to name a few!

**Drink Specials:**  
Beer Tub & Tower of Power  
Jack Daniels Halftime Shots

**DJ Dave providing Entertainment all Night**

**\$300 in Prizes to Win for Club Members only**

**VIP Lounge Winner Selected by Drawing**  
Club Eifel entries for the drawing are ongoing and will end on Friday, Feb. 3

**Free to Members, \$5 Cover nonmembers**  
This party is 18 and over

## ALL-NITER FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3

You asked for it and now you've got it! The party starts at 9 p.m. and won't shut down until 4 in the morning! This is a free event for all club members! Nonmembers are also welcome but will have to pay a \$6.00 cover charge. (Hint, Hint: "It pays to be a Club Member.") To keep you up all night there will be R&B music in the Enlisted Lounge & Country Western in the main ballroom!

### Valentine's Family Fun Night - Thurs, Feb. 9

5-8 p.m. This Club Eifel event has the best of both worlds... a great meal for mom and dad and lots of fun things for the kids! A DJ will be playing fun kid-approved tunes and there will even be a Kiddie Laser Light Show in the ballroom. And don't forget about everyone's favorite, the bouncy castle!

**Adult buffet:** garden green salad, lemon pepper baked chicken, slow roasted beef with gravy, roasted new potatoes, wild rice, vegetable medley, rolls & butter and beverage.

**Kid buffet:** dinosaur chicken nuggets, zany french fries, batter-up corn dogs, Tom Terrific tater tots, curly cue macaroni & cheese, rootin' tootin' fruity Jell-o, swirled chocolate and vanilla pudding and big bad brownies.

**This is a "Members Only" event: Adults \$6.95, Children (6-12) \$3.95 Children 5 and under eat FREE!**



Movies

The following movie listings are for today through Feb. 9. Times and movies are subject to change. For more information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. For movie synopses, visit [www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp).

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today  
*Fun with Dick and Jane* (PG-13, 7 p.m.)  
An update of the 1977 comedy, where a married couple turns to robbery to pay the bills.  
  
*Derailed* (R, 9:30 p.m.)  
Two business executives are having an affair with each other and are blackmailed by a violent criminal. The two must turn the tables on him to save their families.

Saturday  
*Walk the Line* (PG-13, 7 p.m.)  
A chronicle of country music legend Johnny Cash's life, from his early days on an Arkansas cotton farm to his rise to fame with Sun Records in Memphis.

*Derailed* (9:30 p.m.)  
  
Sunday  
*Fun with Dick and Jane* (4 p.m.)  
  
*Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* (PG-13, 7 p.m.)  
Harry finds himself selected as an under-aged competitor in a dangerous multi-wizard school competition.

Monday  
*Fun with Dick and Jane* (7 p.m.)

Tuesday  
*Derailed* (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Bitburg Castle

Today  
*Yours, Mine and Ours* (PG, 7 p.m.)  
A widowed Coast Guard Admiral and a widowed handbag designer fall in love and marry, much to the dismay of her 10 and his eight children.  
  
*King Kong* (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)  
In 1933 New York, an overly ambitious movie producer coerces his cast and hired ship crew to travel to mysterious Skull Island, where they encounter Kong, a giant ape who is immediately smitten with leading lady Ann Darrow.

Saturday  
*King Kong* (7 p.m.)  
  
*Yours, Mine and Ours* (9:30 p.m.)

Sunday  
*Yours, Mine and Ours* (4 p.m.)

*King Kong* (7 p.m.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday  
*Get Rich or Die Tryin'* (R, 7 p.m.)  
This is a tale of an inner-city drug dealer who turns away from crime to pursue his passion, rap music.

Thursday  
*King Kong* (7 p.m.)

'Must see' tourist destination

Medieval Mainz offers visitors historical architecture, culture

By Iris Reiff  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

About 200,000 tourists from around the world come to Mainz every year to enjoy the city's culture and history. Mainz has a "must see" list of attractions for first-time visitors.

The Dom, or cathedral, of St. Martin was built between 975 and 1011 to replace an earlier church. The structure was finished in 1036, but was later rebuilt after severe fires. A late Gothic western choir and side chapels were added in 1239.

Following a fire in 1767, new stone crowns were added to the western choir; the eastern spires were re-styled in a neo-romanesque style in 1879. The Dom and Diocese Museum are located inside the rococo choir and late Gothic cloister.

The renowned Gutenberg Museum is located inside the Renaissance residence, "Zum Roemischen Kaiser," dating back to 1664. On display are memorabilia of the Bible printer Gutenberg, as well as historical printing and books.

St. Ignatius church dates back to 1775, showing the transition from Baroque to rococo building styles.

The State Theater, built in 1833 and expanded in 1912, offers everything from concerts to popular theatrical plays.

Rheingold hall was built in 1968 as the modern reconstruction of the old Stadthalle, or city hall, dating back to 1884. The building is home to a casino.

Holzturm is the former "wooden gate" of the medieval

city wall and a famous symbol of the city. It is also where a popular wood market used to take place on the banks of the Rhine River. The gate dates back to the 14th century.

The Old Armory of the Prince Elector dates back to 1604. The new armory, built in 1740, serves as State Chancery of Rhineland-Palatinate, and is the seat of the Prime Minister.

St. Stephen's Church is one of the nine collegiate churches in Mainz, founded in 950. The church has exquisite cloisters, dating back to the late gothic period. Nine stained-glass windows with scenes from the Old Testament, designed by renowned artist Marc Chagall are a main attraction.

The Deutschhaus was built in 1732 as headquarters for the German Knights. Later it served as residence of Napoleon I, as well as for the Archduke of Hesse from 1816-18. Today, it is the seat of the Rhineland-Pfalz state.

Schoenborner Hof is an estate dating back to 1670 as the late Renaissance palace of the Prince Elector Johann Philipp von Schoenborn. Extensive gardens and sandstone structures were erected in 1865 on the northern side of the building.

The picturesque old town with half-timbered houses are easily reached by foot from the Dom cathedral. It has many attractions such as exhibits, shops and restaurants.

Mainz is also the focal point for the popular, annual Fasching celebrations, including the world-famous Rosenmontag, or Rose Monday parade, which takes place Feb. 27.

Out and About

For tickets to below concerts and for details on any events, please contact the Trier Press Office at 0651-14599-30.

- Listen to jazz tunes **tonight** during the Trier Jazz summit at the Trier Tuchfabrik cultural center.
- See "Flamenco Live," a dance show **Saturday** at the Wadern Saalbau.
- Listen to classical music by the "Duo Con Anima," performed on trombone and piano, **Sunday** at the Trier Kurfuerstliches Palais or Imperial Palace.

- Listen to a classical concert by the Rislav ensemble **Sunday** at the Bitburg Beda House cultural center.
- Fasching, Germany's Silly Season, kicks off **Feb. 23** with Ladies Fasching, and will come to an end **Feb. 28**, the day before Ash Wednesday. Parades are scheduled in most towns throughout the Eifel either **Feb. 26** at 1:11 or 2:11 p.m. or Rose Monday, **Feb. 27** at the mentioned times. Ask your German friends or landlords for the date and times for the parade in your area. More information on Fasching will be printed in an upcoming edition of the *Eifel Times*.

- For groups who wish to participate in the Bitburg Fasching parade **Feb. 26**, should call Melanie Lenertz-Alex at 0176-22044910.
- Equi Magic is a horse show **Feb. 11** at the Trier Arena.
- Plan to attend the Bitburg Beda Market **March 17-19** in the center of Bitburg.



Meet and greet

Iris Reiff

Adopt an Airman participants Heike Rech from the town of Oberkail, and Airman Tanya Roth, 606th Air Control Squadron satellite communications apprentice, meet for the first time at the Coffee Mill Jan. 20. In the spirit of promoting long-lasting friendships, Adopt an Airman was designed to encourage ongoing cultural exchanges between Americans and our German hosts. Airmen wanting to participate in the program should call the 52nd Fighter Wing Community Relations Office at 452-6434.



## Sports Briefs

### Personal trainers available

The Spangdahlem AB fitness center personal trainer service is available for \$35 per session. Package deals are available for \$25 per session at a minimum of 10 sessions. Call 452-6634 for details.

### Youth gymnastics

Gymnastics classes begin Monday for toddlers and parents, preschool youth ages 3-5 and girls grades three through six. Call the Spangdahlem AB Youth Center at 452-7546 for more information or to sign up.

### Powerlifting championship

Sabers are encouraged to cheer on weightlifters participating in the 2006 U.S. Forces Europe Powerlifting Championships Feb. 11 at the Landstuhl Gymnasium in Kaiserslautern. For details, call Mark Warner at 452-6634.

### February fitness events

♦ The American Heart/Valentines 5K fun run/walk takes place Feb. 14 at noon at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. The route is along Perimeter Road and there is no time limit. Parents can bring their children and dogs.

♦ Burn major calories with three hours of spinning during a Spinathon Feb. 25 at 10 a.m. in the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. The event features three instructors, but participants do not have to do all three hours. They can also sign up for one or two hours. Call the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center at 452-6334 for to register.

### USAFE sports officials needed

USAFE sports needs new and experienced officials who are interested in officiating the USAFE small unit basketball championships March 5-11 at Vogelweh; the basketball championships March 19-25 at Spangdahlem; the volleyball championships May 14-20 at Alconbury, England; the small unit softball championships Aug. 6-12 at Fairford, England; the softball championships Aug. 13-19 at Lakenheath, England; and the soccer championships Oct. 15-21 at Ramstein. People interested can submit an AF Form 303 to the USAFE Sports office four weeks prior to the event. Game fees, transportation and lodging are provided. For more information, call Mark Warner at 452-6634.

# USA vs. Poland

## Soccer teams prepare for 2006 FIFA World Cup in Kaiserslautern March 1 during friendly games

**CHICAGO** -- The U.S. Men's National Team has scheduled a game against Poland in Kaiserslautern, Germany, March 1, in one of the most unique games in the team's 90-year history. The game will be televised live in the United States on ESPN2 at 2 p.m. ET from a city that is home to 50,000 U.S. service personnel in the southwestern part of Germany.

The match against Poland is being staged by U.S. Soccer at Fritz-Walter-Stadion, the site of the USA's highly anticipated FIFA World Cup match against Italy June 17. The World Cup game against Italy is the second of three Group E matches for the United States and will be played in the smallest German venue, home to 100,000 Germans and more than 50,000 Americans.

With tickets for all 64 FIFA World Cup games at a premium worldwide, U.S. Soccer has scheduled this critical World Cup preparation match with the goal of making sure the 50,000 U.S. troops and family members in Kaiserslautern have a chance to see the German World Cup.

"We are happy to be playing in a community where so many American military personnel and their families will have the opportunity to be a part of the World Cup experience," said U.S. Manager Bruce Arena. "We look forward to a great atmosphere at the stadium, and we think Kaiserslautern is going to be a very pro-American venue in March and again in June." Fritz-Walter-Stadion in Kaiserslautern will seat 48,500 for the World Cup.

Tickets for the USA-Poland match, ranging in price from 15 euro to 125 euro, went on sale starting Thursday at 10 a.m. Central European Time. Tickets are available online via the FC Kaiserslautern Web site, by phone from Germany at 01 805 3188 00 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. CET / .12

euro charge per minute), and at FCK Fan Shops and the Fritz-Walter-Stadion Ticket Office (Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CET, Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. CET).

The game could not be any more important in Arena's preparation for the 2006 FIFA World Cup in that the matchup with Poland falls on the only international fixture date in advance of the tournament, allowing the coach to call in his entire team without restriction.

"The game against Poland accomplishes a number of goals for our preparation for the World Cup," said Arena. "We get the opportunity to play a European opponent, and we have a chance to play in the stadium where we will face Italy in the World Cup in June. It gives our players the ability to familiarize themselves with the venue."

The match marks the first time in the 472-game history of the U.S. Men's National Team that the squad will play a stand-alone friendly on neutral ground.

Against Poland, the United States has an all-time record of 5-7-2 in 14 match-ups. The teams have met once before on neutral soil, a 3-1 victory for Poland in the teams' final Group D match at the 2002 FIFA World Cup in Daejeon, Republic of Korea.

The USA was drawn into Group E for the 2006 FIFA World Cup along with the Czech Republic, Ghana, and Italy. The U.S. plays their opening match against the Czechs June 12 in Gelsenkirchen before meeting Italy and then finishing off group play against Ghana June 22 in Nuremberg. The U.S. has chosen the northern port city of Hamburg as their base of operations throughout the tournament.

(Courtesy of the U.S. Soccer Federation)

## Running circles



Photos by Senior Airman Eydie Sakura

**52nd Mission Support Squadron Staff Sgts. Elizabeth Ingram and Tracy Hunt run around the base track Tuesday. The 52nd MSS performs physical training as a squadron twice a week. "Although it was extremely cold outside, running with Sergeant Ingram made it easier to bear the chilly temperatures, enjoy the run, and still meet the mission," Sergeant Hunt said. "The squadron PT trains us to be fit to fight no matter what the weather conditions are."**



**Capt. Eleanor Phillips, 52nd MSS military personnel flight customer support chief participates in squadron PT Tuesday.**

## 52d Services Super Bowl Parties

Sunday, February 5, 2006 - All Parties Officially Start at 10 p.m.

The Brick House	Eifel Lanes Bowling Center	Club Eifel
Enjoy a 5-Yard hoagie, \$1 beer specials and tasty snacks	Featuring Eifel Lanes First-Ever Squadron Super-Bowl Contest <small>Eifel Lanes is offering your squadron the chance to win a FREE DAY OF BOWLING! Get your team together and enter today. (Win is a perfect opportunity for your next squadron fund-raiser.)</small>	<b>XL Food Specials:</b> Championship Nacho Bar Full Scale Blitz Wings Stadium Hotdogs ...just to name a few!
Wear your favorite team colors to win some awesome prizes.	<b>Event #1 Football Toss</b>	<b>Drink Specials:</b> Beer Tub & Tower of Power Jack Daniels Halftime Shots
Football Pool & Trivia	<b>Event #2 Taco Eating Competition</b>	<b>DJ Dave providing Entertainment all Night</b>
<b>VIP Seating!</b> Sign up to win an opportunity for you and four friends to sit in our special VIP area right in front of a big screen TV. Just fill out an entry form between now and Feb. 1st. Winners will be notified on Feb. 2nd.	<b>Event #3 Craziest Fan Costume Joker Card</b> <small>Attitude costumes must be turned in by 1000 Feb. 3. Call 452-8090 for more information.</small>	<b>\$300 in Prizes to Win for Club Members only</b>
This party is 18 and over	<b>Food &amp; Drink Specials!</b> Great American Football Classics including ribs and wings. Kids are welcome. There is no cover. Come and go all night as you wish.	<b>VIP Lounge Winner Selected by Drawing</b> <small>Club Eifel entries for the drawing are ongoing and will end on Friday, Feb. 3</small> <b>Free to Members, \$5 Cover Nonmembers</b> This party is 18 and over

## 3 Locations! 3 Great Parties!

**Enjoy watching basketball? Go to the fitness center and watch squadrons jockey for the title of intramural champion!**

Save the date for these basketball championship-level games:  
West All-Stars vs. East All-Stars basketball game, **Wednesday** at 7 p.m.  
Over 30 All-Stars vs. Intramural champions, **Thursday** at 7 p.m.